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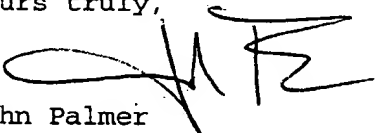
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In accordance with our telephonic discussion on April 11, 2003, I am enclosing herewith a copy of a Voluntary Amendment (23 pages) and a copy of Appendix C (1 page). Please note that the Voluntary Amendment and Appendix C were previously filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) on February 5, 2003 via Express Mail with a Certificate of Mailing dated February 5, 2003. A copy of the Certificate of Mailing is enclosed herewith.

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Yours truly,

  
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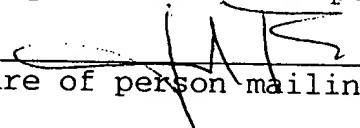
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